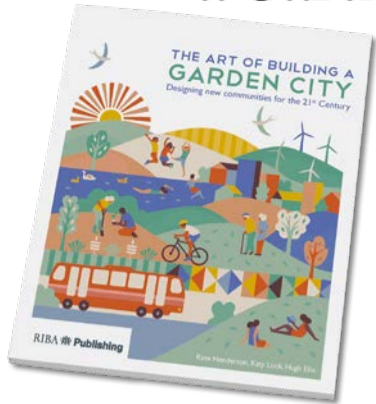


# The art of building a Garden City



This is a well-argued and thoughtful forward-looking book about possible future Garden Cities. Its near 190 pages are almost equally divided: by first looking at the past and present, and then thinking about the future. There are four pages of references, with many helpfully giving an internet link to the source. There is also a concise index and it is packed with illustrations.

It is a practical guide produced to help the Town and Country Planning Association's re-launch of its Garden City campaign. The TCPA wants the lessons learnt from the first Garden Cities, the New Town programme and other developments to inform the present and future house-building programme.

It is a specialist book intended for those interested or involved

in planning and designing new garden city inspired communities. It is not a descriptive book about Garden Cities; our Suburb, for instance, gets one short mention, with a copy of the 1911 plan and one aerial photo as the only illustrations from the Suburb.

The book concludes with a look at Building the Future and regards the prospects for Garden Cities as uncertain primarily because the gap between rhetoric and reality is widening. It believes Garden Cities are the product of "a philosophy for a different kind of society: a sustainable one, built on the notions of equity and democracy."

Given that the government has funded no new social housing in the last seven years, it seems unlikely it will look seriously at what this book offers, and any hopes for the future therefore lie with developers. Nevertheless the book offers a framework for good planning based on the principles of the movement.

The book is written by Kate Henderson, Katy Lock and Hugh Ellis. It is published by RIBA Publishing, £40.

Purchasers can get a £10 discount at the RIBA bookshop in Portland Place, or online at [www.ribabookshops.com](http://www.ribabookshops.com) by using the code GARDENCITY10.

# HGS Sunday Afternoon Chamber Concert Series



This annual chamber concert series is taking place once more, starting on Sunday Oct 22 until December 3. All the concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 3pm and the venue will be either Fellowship House in Willifield Way or the Quaker Meeting House in North Square. The concerts last for about an hour followed by a glass of wine and a chance to chat to the performers. By the time this issue of Suburb News reaches you, the first concert will already have taken place.

Artistic Director Deborah Calland, who lives on the Suburb, has assembled another dazzling array of artists to perform for us. On October 30

the Vickers Bovey Guitar Duo, described by The Times as players of "astounding exquisiteness" will be playing. The following Sunday the award winning Piatti Quartet will be performing works by Beethoven and Ravel.

We are then welcoming back Violinist Fenella Humphreys, who will be accompanied by Nicola Eimer on the piano, playing sonatas by Schubert, Dvorak and Sibelius. After a break of one week, Gemma Rosefield will be playing Bach Cello suites as well as a piece by David Matthews. Finally, for our last concert, we have persuaded the renowned pianist Noriko Ogawa to give a recital, including works by Chopin and Debussy.

It all promises to be a feast of chamber music to lighten our hearts after the clocks have been set back for the winter.

Anyone interested, who has not yet booked, should contact the Box Office either by e-mail at [peter.falk@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:peter.falk@dsl.pipex.com) or ring 07973 541264.

Information is also available on the Fellowship house website at [www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk](http://www.fellowshiphouse.co.uk).

# Lost Warriors

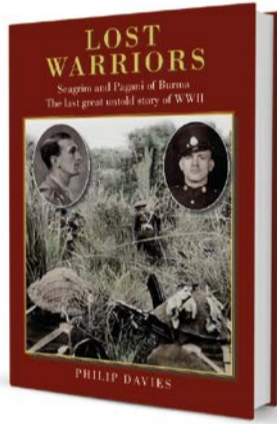
Suburb author, Phillip Davies, whose book *Lost England* we reviewed at the beginning of this year, has written another book entitled *Lost Warriors* Seagrim and Pagani of Burma, recently published but this time definitely not a weighty picture book.

Suburb News has not yet managed to review the book but would like to give readers a summary of its content before publishing a critical appreciation in our next issue.

The book tells the story of two forgotten Englishmen and their part in the Burmese theatre of World War II. Their stories are interwoven to tell a tale of special forces action, escape and endurance underscored by humour, courage, love and self-sacrifice.

All of this takes place in that still troubled land, Burma, which Phillip Davies visited many times in the 15 years he spent researching the book.

It is published by Atlantic Publishing and costs £20.



# Suburb memories from the 1950s and 60s

To mark the Suburb's centenary in 2007, Ed Zanders published 'A Suburb Childhood', a series of reminiscences of his happy times growing up in Hurst Close during the 1950s and 60s. This highly personal memoir of those years describes his life as the son of Douglas Zanders, piano teacher to two generations of Suburb residents, and his connections with some of the high achievers who lived in and around Hurst Close during that time.

Bridget Galton, reviewing the book in the Ham & High wrote: "Zanders plays cowboys and Indians, compares electric train sets, exchanges water bombs and romps around the woods on go-karts with childhood chums including New Labour architect

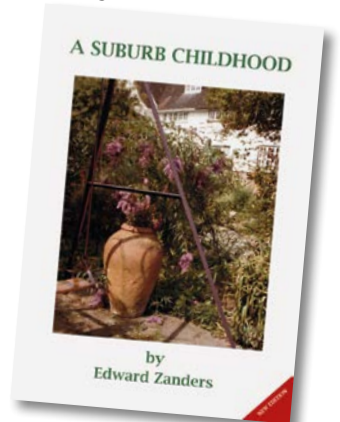
Peter Mandelson who lived at 12 Bigwood Road.

Zanders successfully evokes a nostalgic past with plenty of fresh air, car free spaces to play, cheery window cleaners and Bill Haley's Rock Around the Clock on the record player. It is hard not to feel envious for his lucky childhood in a lost England that few of our children will enjoy. But the on-going passion and vigilance of Suburb residents to protect their unique semi-rural community will ensure that a fortunate few can still experience its delights."

In a light-hearted account, he recalls how the peace of the Suburb was disturbed by the childish antics of his group of friends and celebrates the extreme tolerance and encouragement of the neighbours, the mark of truly civilised people.

'A Suburb Childhood' has now been expanded and updated in a new edition, published by Merak ([www.merakpublishing.com](http://www.merakpublishing.com)) and is available from them or Amazon, eBay, the HGS Trust and Joseph's Bookstore.

Ed will be talking about the book at Fellowship House on Tuesday November 21. Find out more at <http://fellowshiphouse.co.uk/2016/12/weekly-talks>.



# Commemorative benches



PHOTOS: TONY BRAND



Two new Lutyens style benches have been installed in Central Square in front of the tennis courts, in memory of much loved local residents Richard Wakefield and Charles Gale.

# WORDSEARCH

Any motorheads in the Suburb? In this issue we have concealed the names of 20 motorcycle manufacturers (one of them is highlighted to start you off - please don't count it in your total). Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Please send your entries by email to [cristina.lago@gmail.com](mailto:cristina.lago@gmail.com) with your name and contact details. The closing date is December 17. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 voucher from our independent local shop Joseph's Bookstore. Good luck!

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## SUMMER WORDSEARCH ANSWERS, FACTS & WINNER

The answers to the last issue's London Boroughs Wordsearch were as follows: Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

- A fair has been held in Barnet every year since 1588 and became so well known that 'Barnet fair' became Cockney rhyming slang for hair.
- Croydon has the most schools of any borough in London, including 89 primary schools and 20 secondary schools.
- Despite including some of the most exclusive neighbourhoods in the capital, Haringey has one of the highest rates of poverty in London.

Sources: London Councils and Trust for London

Harry Hicks from Willifield Way is the winner of the Joseph's Bookstore £20 voucher: congratulations! Thank you also to all of you who sent your answers, keep participating!

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